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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 8,28 and 46 are objected to because of the following informalities: These claims all contain "sensor system carriers to displacing the sensor system". "to displacing" should be --to displace--or --for displacing--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1,3,5,7-9,11,21,23,25,27-29 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Coates et al.

Coates discloses an apparatus for acoustically coupling a sensor system to a well casing. A body 22 is attached or coupled to a wireline deployment member. Sensor 23 is positioned within the body. Biasing means 221 displace the sensor towards the casing. A releasing mechanism (see col. 4, lines 47-54) actuates or allows the biasing means 221 to displace the sensor. As to claims 3 and 21, the body is attached to the wireline and therefore an attachment mechanism must be present. As to claims 5 and 25, the sensor 23 is placed in an unnumbered carrier. The springs 221 bias the carrier. As to claims 7 and 27, since the sensor is encased within the carrier, first and second components of the carrier are defined on either side of the sensor. As

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to claims 8 and 28, the springs 221 bias each of the components. As to claims 9 and 29, the carrier components are on opposite ends of the sensor. As to claims 11 and 31, the biasing members are springs. As to claim 21, the anchoring section actuates the biasing members.

Claims 1,3,11, 21,23 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Blacklaw GB 2311796.

Blacklaw discloses an apparatus for coupling a sensor system to a wellbore casing. Body 4 is coupled to deployment means 2. A sensor 1 is positioned within the body. Biasing means 6 biases the sensor towards the casing. A release mechanism (hydraulic delay, see page 8, lines 1-4) actuates the biasing means. As to claims 3 and 23, means 5 couple the body to the deployment means. As to claims 11 and 31, the biasing means are springs. As to claim 21, the hydraulic delay is the means for actuating the biasing means.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2,4,6,10,12-20,22,24,26,30 and 32-38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

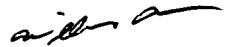
Claims 39-57 are allowed.

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